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As a local Philly women's march organizer told me, "It's been said forever that if women ruled the world, there would be no war, there would be no famine, because we communicate better." So local Philly Women Rally Inc. decided to smoke a peace pipe with its state counterpart in the national Women's March network, which this year, for the first time, is also organizing its own women's march in Philadelphia. The result will be two separate Philadelphia women's marches on Jan. 19, at opposite ends of Benjamin Franklin Parkway, though there is no competition between the two. As local organizers put it: "The women's movement has been going on way before all of us." Read more inside and on **MetroPhilly.us**.

SUSPECT KILLED BY COPS AFTER NJ STANDOFF

1 A 39-year-old gunman opened fire at a United Parcel Service Inc. facility in New Jersey and held two employees hostage for hours on Monday before police fatally shot him, officials said. William Owens barricaded himself and two women inside the sorting facility in Logan Township and police sent a heavily armed SWAT team to the location, about 25 miles (40 km) southwest of downtown Philadelphia, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office said in a statement. The standoff ended when Owens was shot while exiting the building with the hostages, the statement said. Owens, who was from the nearby town of Sicklerville, was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. Neither of the two women the gunman took hostage was seriously injured, authorities said, and there were no reports of other casualties. The gunman apparently had known at least one of the women, Gloucester County Prosecutor Charles Fiore told reporters. UPS praised the police for their handling of the situation and said all of its employees were safe.

TRUMP LAYS OUT FAST FOOD FOR NAT'L CHAMPS

2 President Donald Trump laid out a White House feast fit for a government shutdown on Monday: silver platters heaped high with McDonald's Quarter Pounders and the red-and-white burger wrappers of Wendy's. White House chefs normally would serve much fancier fare underneath the stern gaze of the portrait of Abraham Lincoln in the State Dining Room. But they are furloughed, staying home without paychecks as Trump fights with Congress over funding the federal government. The White House said Trump himself sprang for what he pronounced to be "great American food" for the visiting Clemson Tigers, winners of the U.S. college football championship. "We have pizzas, we have 300 hamburgers, many, many French fries, all of our favorite foods," Trump told reporters, as one White House worker still on the job lit tapered candles. "I want to see what's here when we leave, because I don't think it's going to be much," Trump said, before the players, dressed in dapper suits, flooded the room and piled their plates high.

AN EGG BECOMES THE MOST 'LIKED' INSTAGRAM POST

3 In this photo, a mobile phone shows the image of an egg posted on Instagram on Jan. 14, 2019, from Paris, France. The photo of an egg, published via the account @world_record_egg, became, over 10 days, the most "liked" photo in the world with more than 33 million likes, which makes it the most liked image in the history of the social network. The record previously was held by American star Kylie Jenner.

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CHINA COURT SENTENCES CANADIAN TO DEATH

4 A Chinese court on Monday sentenced a Canadian man to be executed for drug smuggling, prompting Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to accuse China of using the death penalty arbitrarily. The ruling, and Trudeau's reaction, could aggravate already sour relations between Beijing and Ottawa following the arrest of a Chinese executive in Canada and China's subsequent detention of two Canadians. The Dalian Intermediate People's Court in China's Liaoning province retried Robert Lloyd Schellenberg, who had appealed his original 15-year prison sentence, and decided on execution, the court said in a statement. Schellenberg was told in court he had the right to appeal to Liaoning High Court within 10 days upon receiving the ruling, the intermediate court said in a second statement. "It is of extreme concern to us as a government, as it should be to all our international friends and allies, that China has chosen to begin to arbitrarily apply (the) death penalty ... as in this case," Trudeau told reporters in Ottawa.

MEGHAN REVEALS SHE'S SIX MONTHS PREGNANT

5 Meghan Markle, wife of Britain's Prince Harry, told royal well-wishers on Monday she was six months pregnant but the royal couple did not know the gender of their first baby, British media reported. Former U.S. actress Meghan and Harry married last May and announced in October that they were expecting their first child in the spring of 2019 but gave no specific details. During a chat with some of the large crowd that turned out for their visit to Birkenhead in northern England on Monday, Meghan, 37, revealed she was six months pregnant, suggesting the latest addition to the British royal family would be due sometime in April. However, Meghan and Harry, Queen Elizabeth's grandson, did not know whether the future seventh-in-line to the throne would be a boy or a girl and it would be a "surprise," media reported. During their trip to Birkenhead, the couple's first joint engagement of the year, they viewed a new statue erected to mark the centenary of the death of World War I poet Wilfred Owen before visiting a number of local community organizations.

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No signs of budging from the president.

President Donald Trump on Monday rejected a Republican call for temporarily reopening shuttered U.S. government agencies in order to encourage negotiations with Democrats on border security issues, as a partial government shutdown limped through its 24th day.

About one-quarter of federal operations have been partially closed by a lack of funding since Dec. 22, after Trump demanded $5.7 billion this year from Congress for building a security wall on the southwest U.S. border.

At a speech to an American Farm Bureau convention in New Orleans, Trump again urged Congress to grant him the money, saying drones, sensors and other technology cannot do what a wall can do to stop illegal border crossings.

Farmers, a key bloc of Trump supporters, have been hit by the shutdown as federal loan and farm aid applications have stalled and key farming and crop data has been delayed.

"If you want to help farmers, reopen the government," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said in a Twitter posting.

The number of airport security screeners not showing up for work continued to rise since the start of the disruption. Most Transportation Security Administration workers were required to report to work but they are not being paid due to a lack of funds.

TSA spokesman Michael Bilello on Monday said TSA had a 7.6 percent unscheduled absence rate nationally, compared to a 3.2 percent rate a year ago.

Many security officers "are understandably looking for other work to make ends meet, House of Representatives Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Democrats, who control the House, have rejected Trump's $5.7 billion demand, as have Senate Democrats who are needed to pass most legislation in the chamber even though Republicans hold a majority.

On Sunday, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham urged Trump to reopen the government for a short period of time in an effort to restart talks. It is an idea that Democrats have been promoting for weeks.

"That was a suggestion that Lindsey made but I did reject it," Trump told reporters as he left the White House for Louisiana. "I want to get it solved, I don't want to just delay it."

The partial shutdown is the longest in U.S. history and has seen Trump lurch from one idea to another in an attempt to secure money for building a wall that he argues is needed to secure the United States against illegal immigrants and drugs.

Democrats say there are cheaper, more effective ways of enhancing border security than constructing a wall that could cost well beyond $25 billion. They have offered $1.3 billion in new border security funds this year to help pay for a range of high-tech and other tools at the border.

When he ran for president, Trump said Mexico would pay for the wall, but its government has refused. More recently, he has suggested that a renegotiated trade deal with Mexico could bring in the revenues needed to build the wall or that military funds and U.S. soldiers could be utilized.

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New Year's Resolutions for your Relationship

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Whether you're partnered or single, investing in your mental health doesn't have to be a solo journey. No one knows this better than the Philadelphia Institute for Individual, Relational & Sex Therapy (PhIIRST). At the end of the day, it's all about braving life's challenges so that you can be your best self.

We often associate the start of a new year with the same tired resolutions–eat better, get in shape, finish that one project that never seems to get done. But what about resolving to improve our relationships? Metro caught up with Dr. Chris Fariello, a couples therapist and Director of PhIIRST, to chat about why the new year is the perfect time to check in with yourself and your partner.

Why is it a good idea to make resolutions for your relationship? Like all things, a relationship needs constant effort to really thrive. It's important from time to time to look at your relationship and readjust things that may need a fresh effort. This way we can continue to reinvigorate the relationship and our commitment to each other. This helps couples continue to grow together, rather than apart.

What are some common issues that need to be reexamined? When we start a relationship, we often pay a good deal of attention to it. As time goes on, however, we get distracted. Things that often become unbalanced in a relationship are: the quality of the Couple Time they spend together; the amount of touch (sexual and otherwise), the balance of work and play, communication, shared responsibilities, and feeling valued in the relationship. Across the board, these are usually the top issues that matter most.

What's the best way for couples to accomplish this? The best way I could recommend would be to first reflect on what's been working for you and what hasn't been working in your relationship. Then find some time to sit down with your partner and talk about these things. Opening the lines of communication is critical. Ask them what they feel is working, and if there are any areas they think could use some extra attention. If this feels too difficult to do on your own, a couples

therapist can be a great help in getting that communication flowing.

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Crowds at the 2018 Women's March on Philadelphia are seen gathered outside the Museum of Art. HUGHE DILLON

Philadelphia to host two women's marches concurrently Saturday

"The more the merrier," a Philly women's march local organizer said.

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The "women's march," first organized in opposition to the election of President Trump, will be returning for a third year, but the organization has been through a lot — driven by divisions in leadership and accusations of bias.

In Philadelphia, there will be two separate women's marches — one organized by the local group that has set up marches for the past two years, and another organized for the first time in Philadelphia by the national Women's March network's Pennsylvania chapter.

The Philly activists who helped stage the women's march here for the past two years said there's room for everyone in the women's movement — even for two marches at the same time.

"We are all doing it for the same reason and in the same spirit," said Deja Lynn Alvarez, a board member of Philly Women Rally Inc., which organized the inaugural Women's March on Philadelphia on Jan. 21, 2017.

Attended by an estimated 55,000 people, they held a second march in early 2018 with huge attendance as well.

This year, they'll be holding their women's march again at Eakins Oval across from the Art Museum and marching on the Parkway.

But at the same time, the national Women's March organization's Pennsylvania chapter's march will be held at LOVE Park at 16th and JFK.

The national Women's March Pennsylvania chapter didn't acknowledge the past two years of women's marches in Philly in an announcement of their plans. They mentioned participating in other social justice protests and rallies, but not the last two locally-organized Philly marches, and said the 2019 march is "commemorating the 2017 Women's March on Washington," rather than the third in a series.

"The 2017 women's march galvanized this country and birthed a new wave of the women's rights movement," Women's March Pennsylvania chair Shawna Knipper said in a statement. "Two years later, we're taking our movement back to the streets, here in Philadelphia and nationwide. And this time, we're coming with an agenda."

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Deja Lynn Alvarez

The Women's March Pennsylvania chapter added that they will be promoting a "federal policy platform" dubbed the "women's agenda."

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sion initially, Alvarez acknowledged. She said the national Women's March organization filed for the permit in Philadelphia that the local group had applied for in previous years.

"There was no communication about that. They did not communicate that with us," Alvarez said. "We felt like it was pretty shady."

But after some soul-searching and joint discussions, the two groups agreed to hold non-competitive, parallel marches, Alvarez said.

"It's been said forever [that] if women ruled the world, there would be no war, there would be no famine, because we communicate better. So we needed to make sure we lived up to that," Alvarez said. "We needed to make sure we're not coming from the same place that men do, or what takes down other movements, and that is a place of ego.

"We sat down [with the national group], we had some tea, we had some coffee ... we came to an understanding," she continued. "What we can agree to do is not fight with each other. ... As far as I'm concerned, we wish them the absolute best. We don't have any issue with them. The more the merrier."

The Women's March Pennsylvania chapter did not respond to requests for comment.

Where are the Philly women's marches?

The Philly Women Rally Inc.'s Women's March on Philadelphia 2019 will be held in the area of Eakins Oval by the Museum of Art, with a permitted area between the Museum and 22nd Street along the Parkway.

The Women's March Pennsylvania chapter's march will be held in the area of LOVE Park and has a permitted area up the Parkway to 17th Street.

Both events are scheduled to begin around 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, and conclude around 3 p.m.

From 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 19, road closures will be in effect along and around the Parkway, LOVE Park and Eakins Oval by the Museum of Art. SEPTA bus routes that traverse these roads will be detoured.

The Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute and other sites will still be open amid the marches.

"If somebody wants to go over to their event and then come to ours, or come to ours then go to theirs, that's fine," Alvarez, of Philly Women Rally Inc., said. "In all honesty, the women's movement has been going on way before all of us. All we've ever done is continue it."

Also in the region, a women's march will be held on the same day (Saturday, Jan. 19) in Atlantic City.

The organizers have planned to hold their march at the historic Boardwalk Hall, where Fannie Lou Hamer challenged Jim Crow at the 1964 Democratic Convention. The Atlantic City women's march will begin at 11 a.m., Jan. 19., on the Boardwalk.

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More than 197 lbs. of fentanyl and heroin were among the drugs taken off Pa. streets last year.

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Pennsylvania has a serious drug problem, with heroin and opioid addiction now declared a "disaster" by Gov. Tom Wolf. The state has seen a steadily rising rate of opioid-related overdose deaths over the years; however, in 2018, that number did not increase for the first time.

"The Pennsylvania State Police remains an integral part of the Opioid Command Center, working to fight the heroin and opioid crisis as part of Gov. Tom Wolf's disaster declaration," Pennsylvania State Police said in a report on drug seizures released Monday.

To do their part to combat the crisis, state police took an astonishing $66 million of drugs off the streets in 2018 — $17 million of it in just the last three months of the year.

Seizures included massive quantities of fentanyl, the deadly cutting drug that is dozens of times stronger than heroin and is considered one of the driving factors behind skyrocketing deaths from opioids.

The $66 million worth of drugs, seized over 2018, including 197 pounds of heroin and fentanyl, came from highways and Pennsylvania communities.

"The Pennsylvania State Police remains an integral part of the Opioid Command Center, working to fight the heroin and opioid crisis as part of Gov. Tom Wolf's disaster declaration."
Pennsylvania State Police

From Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 alone, a recent police report shows, state troopers seized about $16,982,054 worth of drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamines, heroin, fentanyl and other drugs.

That includes nearly 224 pounds of cocaine ($4,028,940), 26 pounds of heroin ($702,270), 50 pounds of fentanyl ($796,160) and 28,963 miscellaneous narcotic pills ($724,075).

Wolf first made a "disaster declaration" regarding the opioid crisis in January 2018, and has renewed it four times.

The declaration brought 16 state agencies together to work through an Opioid Command Center, and has let the state use Medicaid funding for treatment for 12,000 individuals.

In December, the state gave out 6,000 naloxone kits for free to citizens around the state.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine previously signed a standing order in April authorizing a "prescription" for naloxone for anyone in the state who needs to obtain the medicine to help a loved one struggling with addiction from any pharmacy, which will remain active indefinitely.

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READER WRITE-INS:

TOO MANY FRAGRANCES ON PUBLIC TRANSIT!
I am a creature of habit. Taking the same-time train from my house, ordering the same breakfast, sitting in the same seat sometimes. People are always changing. That's not my Grumble, though. It's the humans who sit next to me who had the need to bathe in their fragrances. I can see two or possibly three sprays. An entire bottle isnt necessary. I eat my sandwich in pure agony because the fumes are going up my nostrils, causing me to gag. — **Timothy Crevoiserat,** *Metro US reader*

NO FEET ON THE FURNITURE
What do you think about people putting their feet up on the seat while riding public transit and then giving side glances when asked to please put their feet down so others can have a seat? Why should some commuters have to stand when there are available seats? These "seat stealers" are also making their "feet seats" filthy with whatever debris is on their shoes.

Riders of public transit, GET YOUR FEET OFF THE SEAT!

— **Bernadette,** *Metro US reader*

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2009 VS. 2019

A new trend online has people sharing different photos of themselves from 2009 and 2019. Over the weekend, it was nice to look and laugh at some of my friends and how different they look today. It's kind of nice to know that we can all change if we try hard enough. Onward and upward!
— **Joe E.,** *Metro US reader*

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Aries Take care of personal business and look for opportunities that will open your mind to alternative ideas. How you process and express what you experience will encourage changes.

Taurus If you speak from the heart, you will gain respect and grab the attention of someone who can make a difference in your life. A chance to do something to help others could prove rewarding.

Gemini When opportunity knocks, open the door. Don't hesitate to take advantage of a chance to do something new or meet someone special. Embrace the future.

Cancer A unique approach to how you do your job and handle associates will make a difference. Trust in your ability to persuade others to do things your way.

Leo Put greater emphasis on being your best. Live a healthy lifestyle, get fit and eat nutritiously. A change for the better will lead to success and a better future.

Virgo Pay attention to others, listen carefully and respond with interest. How you react to people will pave the way for new opportunities.

Libra You may crave change, but someone is likely to stifle your pursuits. Question the motive behind someone's actions, and proceed with the changes that will make you happy.

Scorpio If you share your thoughts, you'll get the feedback you need to confirm that you are making the right choices. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life.

Sagittarius Take action and make changes at home that will ease your stress and add to your comfort. An alteration will give you the courage to try something new. Romance is highlighted.

Capricorn Address issues that have been plaguing your relationship with a loved one or close friend. Share your thoughts and feelings openly, and find out where you stand. If change is required, make it happen.

Aquarius Problems will arise if you haven't stuck to the rules or filed something before the end of the year. Don't wait; address what's gone wrong and move forward.

Pisces Be a leader, not a follower. Don't let uncertainty lead to a mistake. Trust your judgment and choose your associates based on their integrity and compassion. EUGENIA LAST

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LIFESTYLE

'Corporate' stars compare the dark Comedy Central series to 'Seinfeld'

"Corporate" season 2 premieres tonight at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central. COMEDY CENTRAL

Co-creators and stars Matt Ingebretson and Jake Weisman know precisely how far they can go.

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On Tuesday, two of Comedy Central's most popular series, "Drunk History" and "Corporate," will premiere the first episodes of their latest seasons. The former, which goes first at 10 p.m., has turned into a laugh-out-loud drunk history lesson featuring some of the funniest and best-known comedians and actors working today. As for "Corporate" season 2, which premieres right after "Drunk History," co-creators and co-stars Matt Ingebretson and Jake Weisman are doing something very different.

This is obviously the case, since the scripted dark comedy doesn't involve feeding celebrity guests alcohol and interviewing them about history. But it's also so much more than that. With "Corporate," and especially with season 2, Ingebretson and Weisman have somehow found a way to make audiences and critics laugh at some of the most prescient satirical humor about the modern American workplace.

"Corporate" has also been helped by the fact that Comedy Central hasn't wasted any time in supporting Weisman and Ingebretson's efforts, be it with money or casting.

"Comedy Central basically pulled the trigger on season 2 after they started seeing the first edits we sent in of season 1," says Ingebretson. "That's really uncommon these days.

"I think you notice a big difference between the first and second seasons of most shows," he adds. "It's literally just because the creators are learning what the show is in season 1. After that, they can kind of explore the concept a bit more in the second season."

Ingebretson then compares their efforts to the "classic example" of "Seinfeld": "If you watch the first season, it's fine, but it definitely isn't the show that it became. It's a relief whenever a network trusts you enough to let you explore the show and find its voice."

Co-creators and stars Matt Ingebretson and Jake Weisman talk season 2.
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The hit reality series is back with a new home.

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What happens when four uncommitted couples travel to the tropics to test their love by living out their fantasies with 24 sexy singles? That's the basic premise of "Temptation Island" season 4, a reboot of Fox's short-lived series which originally aired from 2001 to 2003. With the help of Banijay Studios North America, USA Network is hoping to recapture the magic, as the romance-themed program helped to kick off a reality-TV trend that shows like "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" have turned into a pop culture phenomenon.

What you can expect from the "Temptation Island" reboot

For the most part, the series will return as it originally was when the show premiered on Fox back in 2001. At least, that's USA's hope, as the first season of the groundbreaking reality show drew in roughly 16 million viewers each week before the ratings dwindled in its follow-up seasons.

E! Online released details about the couples we'll be following on this journey. There's 28-year-old Evan Smith and 29-year-old Kaci Campbell from Los Angeles, who, according to the site, have "been on and off for 10 years, exclusive for five." We'll have Chicago couple 31-year-old Karl Collins and 25-year-old Nicole Tutewohl, who've "been dating for two-and-a-half years." Twenty-five-year-olds Javen Butler and Shari Ligons, who are "high-school sweethearts who met when they were 16." Rounding out this group are 35-year-old John Thurmond and 30-year-old Kady Cannon

"Temptation Island" returns tonight. MARIO PEREZ/USA NETWORK

Krambeer who, after meeting on Bumble, "have been dating for three years."

Original host Mark L. Wahlberg, who went on to host PBS' long-running "Antiques Roadshow," will return to the tropical locale to comment on the salacious drama as it unfolds. "Temptation Island" will consist of 10 episodes and, once again, the program will take place in beautiful Maui, Hawaii.

"Temptation Island" reboot will boast one distinct difference from the original series

While everything will look like it did 15 years ago, the one big change coming to "Temptation Island" is that of the tempters themselves. The original series put our hero couples in the midst of a crowd of good-looking singles out to have a good time. This reboot will still feature a slew of beautiful people — but they're not just looking for a fling, but a committed relationship as well.

According to Reality Blurred, Banijay Studios North America CEO David Goldberg commented on the change, saying they're "genuinely looking for love whose personalities are appealing to the four couples who are questioning the long-term viability of their relationships." This format tweak, they're hoping, will put "Temptation Island" in the same playing field as "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette."

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"Escape the 1980s" is open now. PUNCH MEDIA

"Escape the 1980s" is open now at The Bourse Food Hall.

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Have you ever wanted to transport back to the '80s? Now you can. But instead of hanging out in the neon-clad big-hair era, you are trying to escape it. The recently opened Bourse Food Hall just opened up its newest attraction: Steel Owl Productions' "Escape the 1980s" pop-up escape room. All of Philadelphia is invited to get trapped and try and figure its way out of this '80s-themed conundrum.

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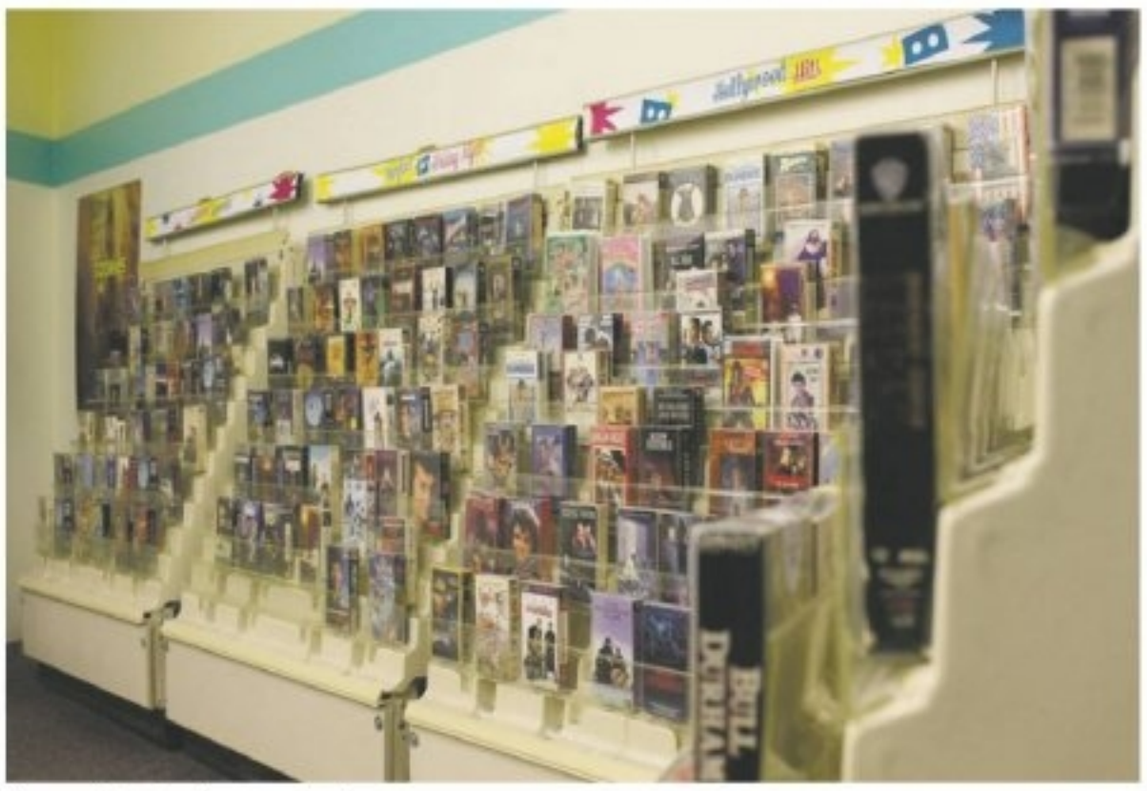
This escape room is unlike any other — it's "tubular"! From making calls on '80s phones to entering secret codes into a "War Games" computer, players will feel as if they stepped out of this decade. The best part? Each time you play is different; the game master curates every experience to the players. So feel free to go back and play as many times as you want. It's a different challenge every time you step through the door.



Players will be placed on teams for the game. PUNCH MEDIA

"We are thrilled to feature 'Escape the 1980s' as a pop-up at The Bourse," said Kelly Duffy, general manager of The Bourse Food Hall. "I know I look forward to escaping the '80s myself!"

The Bourse is home to the only '80s-themed escape room in the country, and it will be in the City of Brotherly Love for only six months, so buying your tickets sooner rather than later is recommended. Single-game tickets cost $28-$32 and allow guests to be submerged in the hour-long exhilarating experience with others to form teams. There is also a private-play package option that is good for up to 14 people for $418, allowing you and your friends the whole place to yourselves.

"Escape the 1980s" is located on the first floor of The Bourse Food Hall at the 4th Street entrance. The pop-up extravaganza is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at steelowl.com.

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Report: Phillies are 'clear-cut favorite' to sign Bryce Harper

Philly met with the 26-year-old superstar and his agent Scott Boras over the weekend in Vegas.

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Could we be getting close to both Bryce Harper and Manny Machado making a decision on where they will be playing this upcoming season?

It appears that we are on the verge of something happening as according to Bob Nightengale of USA Today, the Philadelphia Phillies have emerged as the "clear-cut favorite" to sign Harper.

The Phils' front office met with the 26-year-old superstar outfielder and his agent Scott Boras over the weekend in Las Vegas.

Nightengale also added that Philly is expected to make a formal offer within a week, while the Washington Nationals' interest in Harper is waning. The Nationals are reportedly calling a reunion between the two sides a "long shot."

The 26-year-old Harper reportedly turned down a 10-year, $300 million contract extension on the final day of the 2018 regular season. The two sides also met last month, but nothing of substance really came from the meeting.

Nevertheless, it does not come as a surprise to see the Phillies as the clubhouse leader for the superstar outfielder. Despite it being reported throughout this offseason that the Phils preferred Machado over Harper, Philly is not waiting for the superstar infielder.

Last month, Jon Heyman of Fancred Sports reported that Harper is "believed to be the Phillies' top target." If Philly were to sign the 26-year-old superstar, it would give them a boost not only in ticket sales, but also in the lineup.

Could you imagine a lineup where Harper is hitting in front of Rhys Hoskins? It would make things tough for opposing teams' pitchers on deciding whom to pitch to.

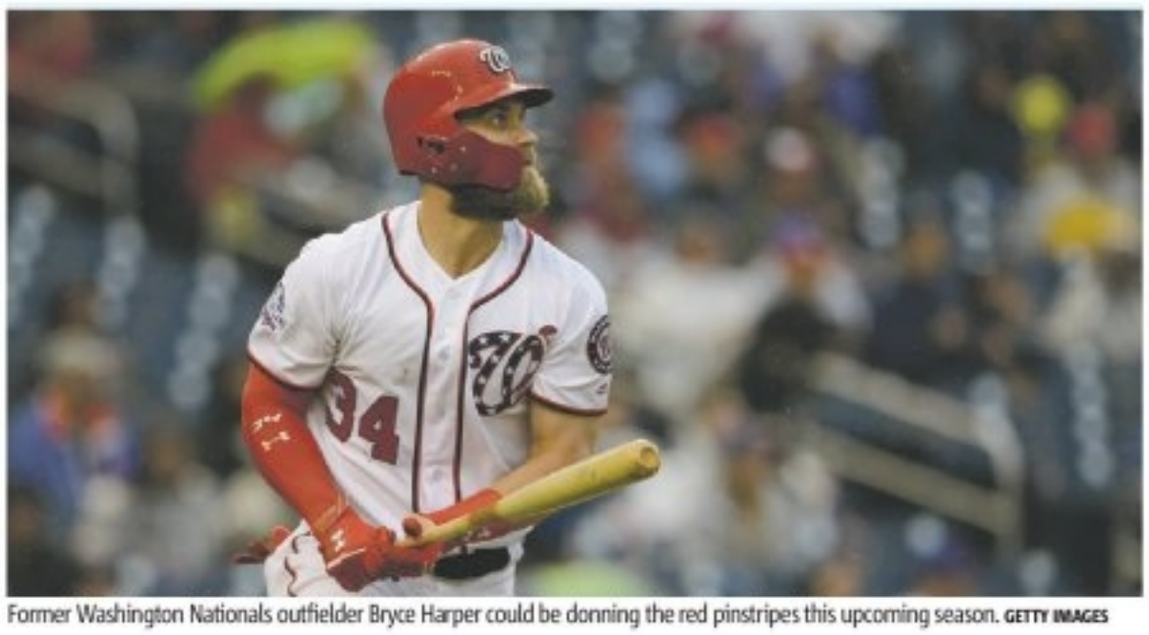
In 50 games at Citizens Bank Park, Harper is slashing .268/.365/.564 with 14 home runs and 32 RBIs. Furthermore, that is the most homers he has hit at any other ballpark outside of Nationals Park.

Last season, Harper slashed .249/.393/.496 with 34 home runs and 100 RBIs. He also drew a career-high 169 walks, despite compiling 169 strikeouts.

In addition to the ongoing Harper sweepstakes, we do have some information regarding Machado. ESPN's Jeff Passan reported on Sunday night that the superstar third baseman-shortstop is sitting on an eight-year deal from the Chicago White Sox, but the Phillies are still engaged with him.

This latest news falls in line with what has been reported over the last couple of weeks. Bruce Levine of 670 The Score said last Wednesday that the 26-year-old All-Star's decision is expected to come within a week.

However, with the Phillies still lurking in the background along with a mystery team, nothing is set in stone yet.



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Are the Jets, Predators interested in Wayne Simmonds?

Wayne Simmonds (No. 17) of the Philadelphia Flyers. GETTY IMAGES

With the Philadelphia Flyers falling farther out of playoff contention and into the top 10 of the NHL Draft board, it is only a matter of time until they start trading some of their quality veteran players.

One of those players, who could be gone by next month's trade deadline, is forward Wayne Simmonds. Earlier last week, Pierre LeBrun of The Athletic reported that both the Winnipeg Jets and Nashville Predators are keeping an eye on the 30-year-old forward.

However, Ken Wiebe of the Winnipeg Sun reported on Saturday that the Jets are more likely to add a left-handed defenseman or center to play on the second line.

Simmonds, who is in the final year of his deal, has 13 goals and six assists for a total of 19 points in 45 games for the Flyers. The veteran winger is projected to finish the season with 25 goals, which would be right in line with what he has done over his eight-year career in Philly.

Along those same lines, TSN's Bob McKenzie also reported last week that Simmonds is "more likely than not to be traded" before the trade deadline. Flyers GM Chuck Fletcher is reportedly looking to acquire a goaltender, top four defenseman and a top nine center.

However, Simmonds does have a limited no-trade clause, meaning he can give the Flyers' front office a list of 12 teams that he does not want to be traded to.

Therefore, the next question would be whether the Preds or Jets are on his NTC list. Winnipeg currently sits atop the Western Conference's Central Division with 60 points, while Nashville is right behind them with 58 points. Both teams could make a deep run in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Simmonds would be the perfect addition for either squad as he is a very physical player with a team-friendly contract ($3.975 million) and can provide some offensive firepower.

But what could they get in return for him from either squad? In terms of Nashville, they could try and get their backup goaltender in Juuse Saros, who is stuck behind former Vezina Trophy winner Pekka Rinne.

We all know how much of an issue goaltending has been for the Flyers this season. Philly would love to have a nice 1-2 combo of Carter Hart and Saros in net for the foreseeable future.

However, when it comes to the Jets, the Orange and Black could poach some of their offensive prospects such as Declan Chisholm, Santeri Virtanen and Dylan Samberg.

Outside of those guys, the Flyers could also ask for Kristian Vesalainen, Michael Spacek and Logan Stanley in a potential trade. Simmonds could net Philly a second- or third-round draft pick as well.

Thus far, we've already seen the Flyers make one move as they traded forward Jordan Weal to the Arizona Coyotes on Friday for a 2019 sixth-round draft pick and ECHL defenseman Jacob Graves.

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Years past, Eagles seasons ended with the fan base yowling, with me hurling beer cans at the TV, and with my radio audience demanding someone's head, whether it be the coach's, the quarterback's or the leader of the pep band's.

But not this time. As our Super Bowl hopes were drowned down a well of disappointment on Sunday with the ball slipping through Alshon Jeffery's hands for an interception, most Eagles fans found an emotion far away from furious.

Oh, we were crushed. At least in that moment. Because in our hearts we believed we'd be rewarded by one more miracle from St. Nick Foles. The plotline was perfect: down six points, marching through Saints territory as the two-minute warning approached.

And then . . . ah, hell, you know the ending.

But even as disappointment set in, there was a strange feeling of pride in this team. They had blown a 14-point lead. They had lost the game by giving up a 92-yard drive (really a 117-yard drive when you add in penalties against the Saints). But somehow, they still earned our respect.

Maybe we're still blinded from the confetti floating down on Broad Street last February. Maybe after breaking a 58-year dry spell, it's going to take us a while to build back that flow of burning anger.

Honestly, I can't recall admiring a local also-ran this much since the baby Flyers fought Edmonton to Game 7 of the 1987 Cup Finals.

We all had left these Eagles for carrion eight weeks earlier. They were 4-6 then, humiliated by the Saints, 48-7, and certainly done for the season. It was the bottom.

And then, suddenly, those Birds rose from the mat swinging. They were battered by injuries but played stronger for it. Foles stepped in for Carson Wentz and became legend yet again. Doug Pederson reminded us why a calm and steady coach is always better than a raving lunatic.

They won five of six to sneak into the playoffs, and then survived another week on what we will always know as the Double Doink Game. My God, it was all so much fun to watch.

I won't argue this season was a success, because the first two months placed the Eagles in a hole that eventually forced them to take on a rested No. 1 seed — probably the NFL's top team — in that raucous dome on Sunday. Putting themselves in that spot was their own fault.

But I can still admire how they rose like Lazarus to make it a season — and even bring us optimism about 2019. Foles will be gone, that's almost certain. So Wentz must heal, improve his game and, hopefully, not feel barbs from fans the first time he turns one over.

I'd be remiss here if I didn't extend all best wishes to Brandon Brooks. The Pro Bowl guard tore his Achilles on Sunday and faces an arduous recovery. Brooks is a great player, teammate and (as I know from personal experience) radio co-host. Godspeed, big guy.

So here's my advice to fans. Sulk for a few days. Mutter to yourself about lost opportunities early in the season. Dream what would have followed if Jeffery's usually sure hands had snagged that ball. Be a little mad, if you must.

But then take the long view. The season didn't collapse. The Eagles showed valor. The future still looks pretty damned bright with a solid core.

If that advice doesn't work, we can all look for a distraction. Hey Phillies, got any good news for us?

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Case Caption: IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE BALDWIN, DECEASED.
TO: Barbara McLaughlin, Mark Baldwin, Reginald Baldwin, Zana Baldwin, Kim Taylor, Betty Sturdivant, Donna M. Baldwin, City of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Unknown Heirs of George Baldwin.
NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the Philadelphia Community Development Coalition Inc. has filed a Petition to Determine Title to Real Estate located at 1541 N. Etting Street, Philadelphia, PA (OPA/BRT: 292066200), pursuant to 20 Pa. C.S. § 3546, and the following Decree has been entered in the above-named matter:

PRELIMINARY DECREE

AND NOW, to wit, this 22nd day of August 2018, A.D. upon consideration of the annexed petition it is hereby ORDER and DECREED that a Citation is awarded directed to Barbara McLaughlin, Mark Baldwin, Reginald Baldwin, Zana Baldwin, Kim Taylor, Betty Sturdivant, Donna M. Baldwin, City of Philadelphia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to show cause why the interest of the Decedent in real property commonly known as 1451 N. Etting Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, should not be adjudged to be in the Philadelphia Community Development Coalition Inc.
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14 Clay brick material
15 Ivory or Irish Spring
16 Fraternity letter
17 Unwieldy; hard to carry
19 TV crime drama series
20 Scrabble pieces
21 Felt miserable
22 Climb onto
24 Prefix for obey or own
25 With hands on hips
27 Retiree
30 Mumbai's nation
31 Pleasantly warm
33 Peach stone
35 Veal or venison
36 Old Roman robes
37 Mr. Arnaz
38 Took a chair
39 Marrying man
40 Gave a pink slip to
41 Wheeler-__; shrewd entrepreneur
43 Polite person's word
44 Edison's initials
45 Rump __; cut of beef
46 Got on one's feet
49 Smell bad
51 Anger
54 "Alice in __"
56 Deafening
57 Not up yet
58 Trigger or Mister Ed
59 Traveler's stopovers
60 Clutter
61 Furry swimmer
62 Suffix for baron or govern

DOWN

1 __ away; departs
2 Frighten
3 Caspian or Caribbean
4 Actor Al __
5 Grown-up
6 "O __, All Ye Faithful"
7 Flows back
8 Observe
9 St. Francis' home
10 As __ as a cucumber
11 Subdue
12 Drove too fast
13 UK TV network
18 Weather forecast
20 Largest brass instrument
23 Leave out
24 Carter & Clinton: abbr.
25 Objectives
26 Bread recipe verb
27 Close angrily
28 Surgeries
29 Gets up
31 Ill-mannered slob
32 Not long __; recently
34 Laundry soap brand
36 Sequoia or spruce
37 Passes away
39 Opening in a forest
40 Criticism; opposition
42 Not on good terms; disagreeing
43 Think deeply
45 Wash off soapsuds
46 Crossed the pool
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48 Small bills
49 Job opening
50 Small fruit pie
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53 Koch & Bradley
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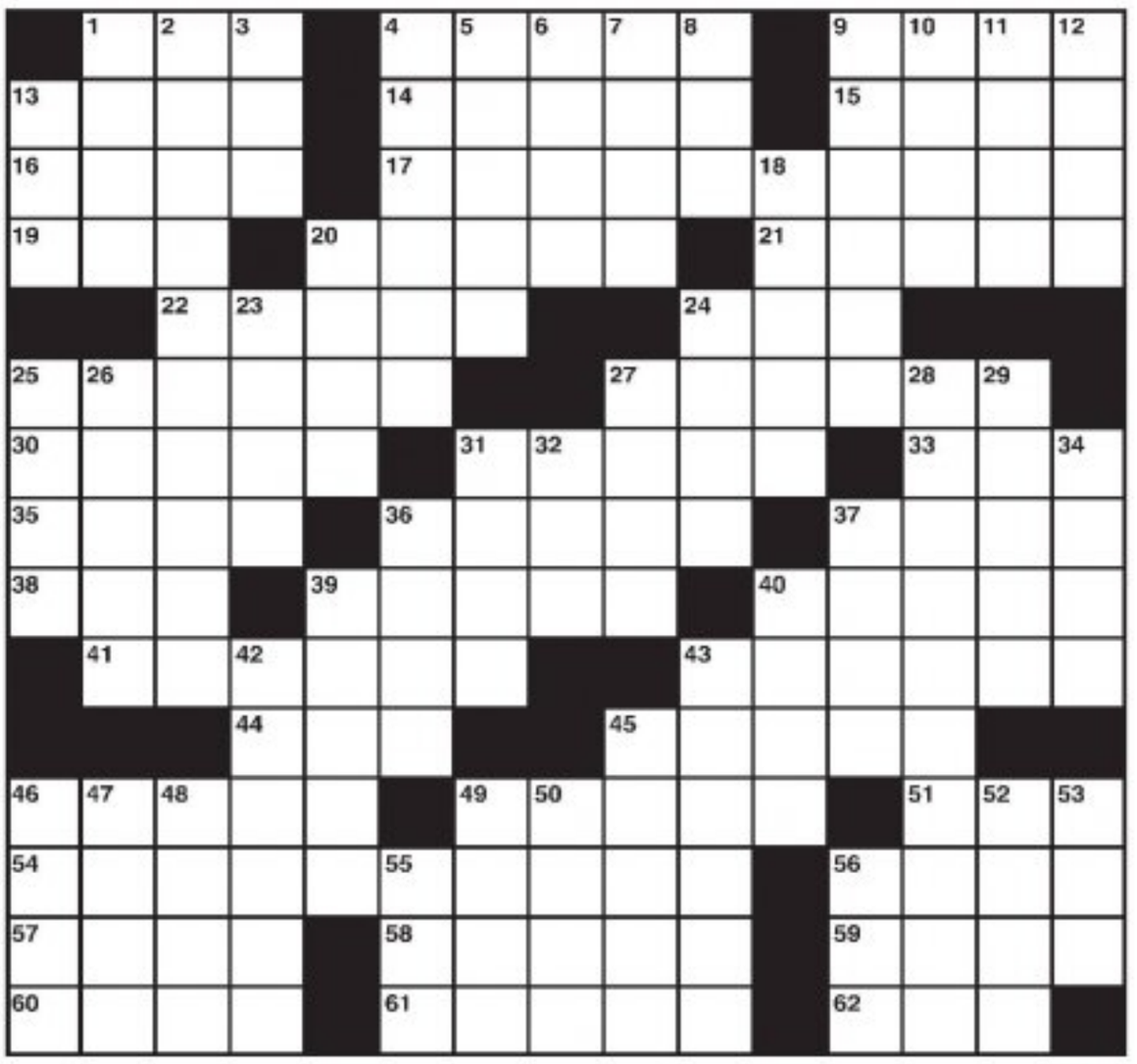

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